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Board of Directors to Meet November 30

President Cannon has called a meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Canners Association to be held at Washington on Wednesday and Thursday, November 30 and December 1. The Board will convene at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning for the first session. In accordance with the action of the Board at its meeting last May, the sessions will extend over two days.

Hearing on Japanese Beetle Quarantine

The Federal Horticultural Board held a public hearing in Washington on October 6 on proposals to modify the Japanese beetle quarantine areas. It had been suggested tentatively that the lines be extended to include considerable additional territory in Pennsylvania and practically all of Maryland. Part of Long Island and some other small extensions are also involved.

New infestations were discovered this year, including the District of Columbia, Baltimore and several isolated and widely separated points in Maryland. Representatives of various Maryland interests urged strongly that the Washington and Baltimore infestations be covered by separate regulations, that the State of Maryland be given an opportunity to suppress the small infestations in other points, and that no action be taken which would place the greater part of Maryland within the quarantined area. It was argued that the extension of the quarantine to a line outside of all known infestations would bring within the quarantined area important agricultural districts of Maryland, including canning sections, and that the beetle infes-

tations would increase much more rapidly during the next few years through unrestricted movement into this territory of farm and other products from the heavily infested parts of New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

It is expected that the Federal Horticultural Board will announce its decision with respect to future quarantines at an early date.

Asks Change in Canned Foods Rates from Southeast

A complaint has been filed (Docket 20086) with the Interstate Commerce Commission requesting the Commission to prescribe reasonable rates on canned fruits and vegetables from Sumter and other South Carolina points to destinations in Kansas, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, Indiana, Nebraska, Kentucky and Wisconsin.

Additional Canned Foods on Army Commissary List

In view of the necessity of providing organizations of the Army with increased varieties of subsistence as contemplated by the new ration, and in order that the increased expenditures for this purpose may be made with the most advantageous returns to the soldier and to the Government, the War Department announces a number of additions to the list of articles now authorized for sale in the Army service. Included in these articles are canned lima beans, canned hominy, chili sauce, canned sauerkraut, canned beef tongue and canned deviled crabs.

A Trade Association's Intangible Assets

Business is business, but there's a lot more to it than just that. And it's the same with a trade association.

Because many have appreciated this intangible something without trying to put it into words, they will read with interest a paragraph from a letter just received by the Association from a former member now in another line of business:

"I make more in a month in this business than I used to make in a year, in best years, but I don't think that any organization comprises such an assortment of lovable characters as the National Canners Association. * * * I don't know why I am writing you this rambling letter, because I have no reason to become a canner and probably never will again. But if I had twenty million dollars and was looking around for a place to leave my money, I verily believe that the National Canners Association would wake up with a surprise in my passing!"

State Cannery Association Meetings

Meetings of state cannery associations have been announced for the following dates:

- Indiana Cannery Association, Nov. 7 and 8.
- Wisconsin Cannery Association, Nov. 8 to 10.
- Association of New York State Cannery, Dec. 8 and 9.
- Ohio Cannery Association, Dec. 13 and 14.
- Pennsylvania Cannery Association, Dec. 13.
- Western Cannery Association, Nov. 28 and 29.
- Northwest Cannery Association, Jan. 4 to 6, 1928.
- Ozark Cannery Association, Jan. 5 and 6, 1928.

Grocery and Seed Trade Complaints Settled

Among five settlements of informal complaints by stipulation under the new policy of the Federal Trade Commission, an organization of wholesale grocery jobbers which was alleged to have combined to interfere with the source of supply of "cash and carry" jobbers and chain stores has agreed to discontinue all acts or practices designed to obstruct, hinder or interfere with the sources of supply of these jobbers and chain stores. In the stipulation it was agreed that if the jobbers in the wholesale grocery organization should resume or indulge in any of the practices, the acts and practices referred to may be used in evidence against them in the trial of a complaint which the Commission may issue.

In another case a seed company which purchased seed from producers in states other than that in which it did business and sold such seed in interstate commerce agreed to desist from advertising itself as an "exclusive producer" of such seed and as having grown the seed in its own nursery.

Modification of Fruit Rate Order Asked

Northern transcontinental railroads have filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission an application for the modification of its order in the deciduous fruit rate case. In their application, the railroads state:

"If the Commission intended by its order to require a reduction in the rates from California applying via the North Pacific Coast gateways, these applicants believe that in issuing its order the Commission was not aware of the fact that it would operate to reduce the rates from Washington and Oregon which are not in issue in this proceeding. If any changes are to be made in the deciduous fruit rates from Washington and Oregon which are the important rates to the Northern Lines,

they should be made only after hearing and after the rates have been considered on their merits."

New Customs Case on Tomato Paste

The Association has been notified that a new tomato paste case is on the October calendar of the U. S. Customs Court in New York City and will be heard before Division 3 of the Court, at 10.30 A. M., Tuesday, October 18. The Government will probably require some testimony as to the meaning of the commercial designation "tomato paste" in September, 1922, the time the present tariff act was passed.

It is suggested that canners interested and willing to assist the Government in contesting the claim of the importers should communicate immediately with the Assistant Attorney General in charge of Customs, 641 Washington Street, New York City.

Freight Loadings

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended September 24 totaled 1,125,868 cars, which is a decrease of 49,539 cars compared with the corresponding week last year but an increase of 4,843 cars above the corresponding week in 1925. The total for the week of September 24 was a decrease of 1,745 cars compared with the preceding week, when loadings totaled 1,127,613 cars.

Dried Fruit Export Association Organized

Papers have been filed with the Federal Trade Commission under the Export Trade Act, by the Northwestern Dried Fruit Export Association, organized for the purpose of exporting dried fruits.

Canned Food Market in Peru

Peru buys about \$120,000 worth of canned fruits and vegetables annually, according to the American Consul at Lima, of which the United States furnishes about \$34,000 in fruits and \$27,000 in vegetables. These products are sold chiefly in the cities and mining centers, and the market is not now capable of much expansion.

Report on Raspberry Diseases in Iowa

A sixteen-page illustrated pamphlet on raspberry diseases in Iowa has been issued by the Agricultural Experiment Station in Ames as Circular 105. The pamphlet discusses anthracnose, leaf spot, orange rust, crown gall, mosaic disease and leaf curl disease, giving information with respect to causal organisms and methods of control.